Names of Airports	Expenditure incurred		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Lilabari	270.29	115.30	315.02
Lucknow	819.94	29.59	83.36
Leh	13.43	—	—
Nagpur	631.48	227.64	85.47
Patna	170.94	236.72	94.16
Porbandar	0.78	—	1.47
Port Blair	—	—	347.61
Rajkot	—	—	10.88
Raipur	311.79	558.00	276.00
Ranchi	86.92	—	—
Shimla	10.64	42.55	—
Silchar	61.98	42.80	242.64
Tezpur	—	359.54	688.00
Tirupathi	28.46	—	—
Udaipur	1.03	346.00	885.29
Varanasi	3.89	—	—
Vijayawada	—	1.87	2.70

Introduction of "Access" scheme in Indian Airlines

3693. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has introduced a scheme called "Access";

(b) if so, what is the response; and

(c) the total amount spent on to print these "Access"?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The response to the scheme has been very encouraging as Indian Airlines has received more than 5000 cards during the first month of the scheme.

(c) Indian Airlines has committed Rs. 4.3 lacs towards printing the ACCESS cards till now.

Indian Airlines service between Chennai and Pondicherry

3694. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has discontinued its flight from Chennai to Pondicherry;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the facility again between Chennai and Pondicherry?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Vayudoot operated services to Pondicherry in the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 on the route Chennai-Neyvelli-Pondicherry. Vayudoot operations to Pondicherry were discontinued because of shortage of aircraft and inadequate load. Presently, Vayudoot is in the process of liquidation.

As per Government policy. Airlines Operators are free to operate to new stations based on the commercial judgement subject to compliance with the route dispersal guidelines.

Losses suffered by Indian Airlines

3695. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated loss of Indian Airlines from 1995 to 1997, year-wise; and

(b) whether the report of the Kelkar will be implemented to avert the loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) the details of profit/loss and accumulated loss of Indian Airlines for the three financial year from 1995-96 to 1997-98 are as under:—

(Figures in Rs. crores)

Financial Year	Profit/ (loss)	Accumulated Losses at the year end since 1989-90
1995-96	(109.98)	(1031.00)
1996-97	(14.59)	(1045.59)
1997-98 (Prov.)	45.15	(1000.44)

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Operation of commercial flights from Koil Airport (J&K)

3696. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Koil Airport in Kashmir is not fit for commercial air traffic as pointed out by Kashmir Chamber of Commerce; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to remove the hardships pointed out by them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Koil Airport is understood to be another name for Awantipore airport which is a Defence airport. Following temporary closure of Srinagar airport, civil flights are now operating to and from Awantipore Air Force Station. All essential facilities have been provided at this new location by Airports Authority of India and Indian Air Force for commercial operation of airlines.

Extension of Ahmedabad airport

3697. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has included the work of extention of Ahmedabad airport in the budget for 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that inspite the Ahmedabad airport was identified as an alternate airport to Mumbai but has been sidelined for development at international airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India has provided Rs. 4. crores in the Annual Plan 1997-98.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Airports Authority of India has approved the proposal for extension of runway from 9,000 ft. to 11,500 ft. to facilitate operation of bigger aircraft like B-747 and strengthening of associated pavements at a cost of Rs. 48.50 crores. Notice inviting tenders for this work is likely to be issued in August, 1998.

(e) Does not arise.